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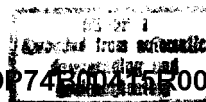
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT : Security Clearances for Staff Officers
of Congressional Committees**

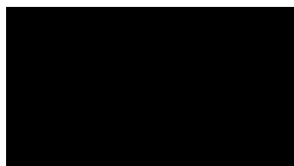
1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. For the past three years the Department of Defense has had an arrangement for the security clearance of staff officers of Congressional committees who will have access to classified Department of Defense information. Jack Stempler, Assistant to the Secretary for Legislative Affairs, is the controlling officer in DoD. Stempler receives requests from chairmen of committees and individual Congressmen for the staff officer clearances for Top Secret. The investigation is arranged by William Hunt, Chief, Security Services Division, Department of Defense, who evaluates the report of the investigation. If the investigation is favorable a Top Secret clearance is issued and the appropriate Congressional committee chairman is notified. The Congressional staff officer signs certain secrecy agreements which are then returned to the Department of Defense. If the report of investigation is unfavorable the matter is referred to Mr. Stempler who then negotiates with the appropriate Congressional committee chairman as to the appropriate handling of the case in question.
3. The Chief, Security Services Division, DoD, maintains a list of the Congressional staff officer clearances which serves as the basis for clearances for compartmented information. In the last two months DoD has instituted a system whereby the Defense Intelligence Agency is the responsible element granting clearances for special intelligence, TK-H, etc. for staff Congressional officers. Their clearance notification is made to Mr. Stempler who in turn notifies the chairmen of the Congressional committees.
4. Chairmen of Congressional committees and individual Congressmen may go direct to the FBI for clearance investigative purposes for their staff personnel. The Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy utilizes the FBI for restricted data clearances affecting staff members of that Committee.

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5. On February 16, 1968 President Johnson issued a memorandum to a selected number of Agency heads directing that all persons having access to classified material be fully cleared through appropriate procedures. Specific reference was made to testimony before Congressional committees in relationship to classified material specifying that officers, except members of Congress, present at such meetings or able to read the testimony should have a security clearance commensurate with the highest classification of the information that may possibly come up for discussion.



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